

October 20, 2017

Open Letter to the House of Representatives: Take Up Senate Budget to Expedite Tax Reform

On behalf of the undersigned organizations and our millions of members, we urge the House of Representatives to pass H. Con. Res. 71, the fiscal year 2018 budget resolution, as amended and passed by the Senate.

The budget process serves many important purposes, but this year's iteration offers a unique opportunity to pass fundamental tax reform -- far and away our nation's highest fiscal priority. The quickest and highest-probability path to achieving this goal would be to bypass the conference process and move directly to a House vote on the Senate-passed budget resolution.

Doing so will give members of the House and Senate a head-start on negotiating the specifics of tax reform legislation. Our organizations hope to play a meaningful role in these conversations as we work toward expanding the economy, simplifying the tax code, and helping ease the burden of taxation for American families and individuals.

All of these goals would be best served if the House quickly adopted the budget passed by the Senate and moved promptly to crafting pro-growth, pro-family tax reform legislation. We urge the House to quickly take up and pass H. Con. Res. 71 in its current form.

Sincerely,

Brandon Arnold, Executive Vice President
National Taxpayers Union

David McIntosh, President
Club for Growth

Jim Martin, Founder & Chairman
60 Plus Association

Richard A. Viguerie, Chairman
ConservativeHQ

Lisa B. Nelson, CEO
ALEC Action

Matthew Kandrach, President
Consumer Action for a Strong Economy (CASE)

Phil Kerpen, President
American Commitment

Tom Schatz, President
Council for Citizens Against Government Waste

Chrissy Harbin, Vice President of External Affairs
Americans for Prosperity

Katie McAuliffe, Executive Director
Digital Liberty

Grover Norquist, President
Americans for Tax Reform

Patrick D. Purtill, Director of Legislative Affairs
Faith and Freedom Coalition

Andrew F. Quinlan, President
Center for Freedom and Prosperity

Palmer Schoening, Chairman
Family Business Coalition

Jeffrey Mazzella, President
Center for Individual Freedom

Nathan Nascimento, Vice President of Policy
Freedom Partners Chamber of Commerce

Adam Brandon, President
FreedomWorks

David Williams, President
Taxpayers Protection Alliance

Heather R. Higgins, President and CEO
Independent Women's Voice

Jenny Beth Martin, Chairman
Tea Party Patriots Citizens Fund

Gregory T. Angelo, President
Log Cabin Republicans

Judson Phillips, Founder
Tea Party Nation

Karen Kerrigan, President & CEO
Small Business & Entrepreneurship Council

Dick Patten, President
American Business Defense Council

